Rail Lines in Kerala

2301 SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) the names of the ongoing railway lines under construction in Kerala,

(b) the progress made so far in this regard, and

(c) when the projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN) (a) to (c) The information is as under

	Name of the project	*Progress*	*Target date*
1	*NEW LINE*		
	(i) Alleppey Kayankulam	86%	31 3 92
	(ii) Trichur-Guruvayoor	86%	31 3 92
2	*DOUBLING*		
	(i) Kayankulam-Quilon	30%	Target will depend upon the availability
	(ii) Quilon-Tnvandrum	NIL	of resources in the coming years

[*Translation*]

Rise in Prices of Foodgrains

2302 PROF RASA SINGH RAWAT Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) the extent of rise in prices of foodgrains and edible oils registered during the last six months, and

(b) the steps taken by the Government during the last three months to contain the rising prices of foodgrains and edible oils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI (a) The index numbers of wholesale prices of foodgrains (excluding pulses) and edible oils at the end of January 1992 show an increase of 26 4% and 7 2% respectively over past six months reckoned from July 1991

(b) In order to release prossure on prices of foodgrains the Government increased monthly allocations of wheat and rice to States/Union Territories for distribution through public distribution system and released additional quantities of wheat and rice for open sale and have also decided to import 1 million tonnes of wheat

As regards edible oils besides steps being taken to augment production, import of palmolein against exim scrips through State Trading Corporation has been allowed State Governments have also been allowed to import palmolein oil with foreign exchange earned by them